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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

March 14, 2006

In 1988, Los Angeles County became the first County in the State to fund local dispute resolution programs under the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act. These programs have become a valuable service to the public and the courts by providing an alternative means for settling dispute outside of the traditional judge and jury system. Last year, the nine non-profit organizations and five public entities assisted more than 35,044 residents, businesses, and organizations in resolving 8,652 disputes.

I encourage all County Departments, residents, municipalities, businesses, and organizations to utilize these mediation services as an alternative to formal court proceedings and as a peaceful method to resolving disputes.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Declare the week of March 19 – 25, 2006 as Mediation Week in Los Angeles County; and

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2. Commend the non-profit organizations and public entity dispute resolution program service providers, volunteers, and staff for their part and participation in the program; and
3. Encourage all County Departments to utilize the process of mediation and other dispute resolution services to resolve department and public disputes.

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